

SMALLER DRIED FIG CROP IN 1974

Commercial dried fig producing countries report smaller 1974 crops. Total production is estimated at 89,000 metric tons, 9 percent below the 1973 crop of 97,800 metric tons and below the average level.

Foreign production is estimated at 78,200 metric tons, 10 percent below 1973 output. Early season reports indicated that the November 1973 freeze would likely limit Turkish production during the 1974-75 season (year beginning September 1). Favorable weather prevailed during the growing season and provided better yields in frost free areas. Rain falling at harvest affected the quality of figs drying on the ground, but not volume. Turkish 1974 production is estimated at 42,500 tons, the lowest in 10 years. Greek reports indicate tree numbers are declining slightly and workers were in limited supply. Greek production is estimated at 18,700 tons, 7 percent below that of 1973. Italian production, estimated at 9,000 tons, continues to decline, as isolated old trees are being replaced by other commodities.

U.S. production is estimated at 9,300 metric tons of standard figs and 1,500 metric tons of substandard figs.

Current 1974-75 prospects indicate the smallest foreign exports of figs and fig paste in recent years. Total 1974-75 exports are estimated at 43,200 tons, 11 percent below last season's level. Turkey, the leading exporter of fig products, shipped 30,000 tons during 1973-74. Europe is the biggest customer for Turkish figs, and Europe and the United States are the major markets for Turkish fig paste.

Larger imports of paste from Turkey, Portugal, and Spain increased 1973-74 U.S. imports of fig products to 9,897 metric tons. Individual items were 1,430 tons of dried figs, 8,450 tons of paste, and 17 tons of prepared or preserved figs. Current 1974-75 imports through December total 1,096 tons of dried figs and 1,261 tons of fig paste. Greece and Turkey are the principal suppliers of 1974-75 U.S. imports of figs; Spain, Portugal, and Turkey are the principal sources for paste.

FIGS, DRIED: Estimated commercial production in specified countries, annual 1971-74
(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 <u>1/</u> |
|---------------------|-------|-------|------|----------------|
| Turkey | 50.0 | 55.0 | 45.0 | 42.5 |
| Greece | 23.0 | 24.9 | 20.1 | 18.7 |
| Italy | 18.5 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 9.0 |
| Portugal | 8.0 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 4.5 |
| Spain | 3.2 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| Total foreign | 102.7 | 96.5 | 86.5 | 78.2 |
| United States | 12.1 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 10.8 |
| Grand total | 114.8 | 106.6 | 97.8 | 89.0 |

1/ Preliminary.

FIGS, DRIED: Exports from specified countries
annual 1971-74 season beginning September 1
(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 <u>1/</u> | 1974 <u>2/</u> |
|----------------|------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Turkey | 36.3 | 41.6 | 34.2 | 30.0 |
| Greece | 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 8.0 |
| Portugal | 4.7 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 2.1 |
| Italy | .8 | .3 | 1.3 | .3 |
| Spain | 1.4 | .6 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| Total | 51.7 | 51.5 | 48.7 | 43.2 |

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Forecast.

FIGS, DRIED: United States imports by country of origin
annual 1971-73 year beginning September 1
(In metric tons)

| Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| <u>Figs, dried:</u> | | | |
| Greece | 1,175 | 1,625 | 1,197 |
| Turkey | 118 | 196 | 231 |
| Italy | 43 | 27 | --- |
| Others | --- | --- | 1 |
| Total | 1,335 | 1,848 | 1,430 |
| <u>Fig paste:</u> | | | |
| Turkey | 347 | 1,051 | 3,698 |
| Portugal | 2,791 | 419 | 1,305 |
| Spain | 2,869 | 187 | 3,314 |
| Others | --- | 20 | 114 |
| Total | 6,007 | 1,677 | 8,450 |
| <u>Figs, prepared or preserved:</u> | | | |
| Italy | 38 | 38 | --- |
| Israel | 75 | 15 | --- |
| Colombia | 4 | 31 | 15 |
| Brazil | 2 | 25 | --- |
| Others | 56 | 3 | 2 |
| Total | 175 | 112 | 17 |
| Grand total ^{1/} | 7,517 | 3,637 | 9,897 |

^{1/} Totals may not add because of rounding.

WORLD COCOA BEAN PRODUCTION TO APPROXIMATE 1973-74 HARVEST

World cocoa bean production for 1974-75 is estimated at 1,459,800 metric tons, virtually unchanged from the 1973-74 outturn. This represents a decrease of 11,500 tons from the December FAS estimate of 1,471,300 tons.

Although African production is still anticipated to be above that of 1973-74, the post-Christmas harvest has been disappointing, and estimates for Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, and Togo have been lowered slightly from earlier optimistic levels. Favorable weather has increased estimates for Brazil and Ecuador, although harvests are still forecast well below year-earlier levels. The 1974-75 Dominican Republic crop will approximate only 32,000 tons, compared with the 1973-74 outturn of 35,000.

The world cocoa supply-demand position for 1975 indicates a modest stock buildup, following 2 consecutive years of inventory reductions. Cocoa bean grindings in the United States and Europe were off sharply in 1974, and continued high price levels for cocoa and sugar are expected to further reduce 1975 world cocoa bean grindings.

U.S. cocoa bean grindings during the fourth quarter of 1974 totaled only 106.9 million pounds, off nearly 28 percent from the corresponding 1973 period, when grindings were 147.9 million. Total U.S. grindings for the

year were 505.2 million pounds (229,157 metric tons), representing a decline of 18 percent from the 1973 grind of 615.3 million pounds (279,098 tons).

West German cocoa bean grindings amounted to 138,174 metric tons in 1974, down 9.3 percent from 1973 grindings of 152,365. The Netherlands grind totaled 114,910 tons, off 6.3 percent from 1973 grindings of 122,590. U.K. 1974 grind was 93,066 tons, off 13 percent from the 106,985 tons for 1973; the French grind totaled only 37,500 tons, down 20.7 percent from the 1973 grind of 47,300.

Cocoa bean prices were at record levels in 1974. New York spot Accra prices averaged 98.3 cents per pound, nearly 53 percent above the 1973 average of 64.4 cents. New York spot Bahia averaged 88.1 cents per pound, compared with the 1973 average of 61.1 cents. January 1975 Accra prices averaged 86.1 cents and Bahia 81 cents. Price levels through the first half of February have continued firm.

Although the volume of U.S. imports of cocoa beans and cocoa and chocolate products declined in 1974, record high prices pushed the value of these imports to an alltime high of \$469 million, up 50 percent from the previous record of \$312 million in 1973.

COCOA BEANS: PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES, 1969-70/1974-75 1/

(In thousands of metric tons)

| Region and country | 1969-70 | 1970-71 | 1971-72 | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | Forecast 1974-75 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| North America: | | | | | | |
| Costa Rica | 4.7 | 4.2 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| Cuba | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Dominican Republic ... | 43.0 | 26.0 | 41.5 | 28.0 | 35.0 | 32.0 |
| Grenada | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Guatemala | .8 | .8 | .8 | .8 | .8 | .8 |
| Haiti | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Honduras | .3 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .3 |
| Jamaica | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Mexico | 24.0 | 24.2 | 32.2 | 29.6 | 30.0 | 30.0 |
| Nicaragua | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| Panama | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| Trinidad and Tobago .. | 5.6 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Others 2/ | .4 | .4 | .4 | .4 | .4 | .4 |
| Total | 89.0 | 70.1 | 97.9 | 79.4 | 88.5 | 85.7 |
| South America: | | | | | | |
| Bolivia | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Brazil | 201.6 | 182.4 | 165.4 | 158.7 | 245.5 | 200.0 |
| Colombia | 15.3 | 16.6 | 18.0 | 20.0 | 23.0 | 24.0 |
| Ecuador | 55.0 | 65.0 | 58.0 | 43.0 | 72.0 | 65.0 |
| Peru | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Surinam | .1 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .1 |
| Venezuela | 18.3 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 16.7 | 19.5 | 21.5 |
| Total | 293.8 | 286.5 | 264.0 | 242.0 | 363.6 | 314.1 |
| Africa: | | | | | | |
| Angola | .5 | .4 | .4 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| Cameroon | 108.3 | 111.7 | 123.9 | 106.9 | 109.9 | 110.0 |
| Congo, Brazzaville ... | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 25.0 | 30.0 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 16.0 | 18.0 |
| Gabon | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Ghana | 414.3 | 392.0 | 464.0 | 420.0 | 353.0 | 390.0 |
| Ivory Coast 3/ | 180.3 | 176.3 | 222.0 | 178.8 | 205.6 | 215.0 |
| Liberia | 1.9 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Malagasy Republic | .8 | .9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Nigeria 4/ | 225.0 | 323.0 | 265.0 | 264.0 | 218.0 | 215.0 |
| Sao Tome and Principe .. | 9.7 | 10.4 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Sierra Leone | 4.1 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Tanzania | .4 | .4 | .5 | .6 | .6 | .6 |
| Togo 3/ | 23.0 | 28.0 | 30.0 | 20.0 | 16.5 | 20.0 |
| Zaire | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Total | 1,005.1 | 1,093.8 | 1,164.7 | 1,039.1 | 954.8 | 1,003.8 |
| Asia and Oceania: | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Malaysia | 2.3 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 | 14.0 |
| New Hebrides | .8 | .6 | .4 | .5 | .6 | .7 |
| Papua New Guinea | 22.3 | 29.0 | 30.0 | 22.0 | 31.0 | 32.0 |
| Philippines | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Sri Lanka | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Western Samoa | 3.4 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| Total | 35.8 | 42.3 | 44.8 | 38.0 | 51.6 | 56.2 |
| Grand total | 1,423.7 | 1,492.7 | 1,571.4 | 1,398.5 | 1,458.5 | 1,459.8 |

1/ Estimates refer to an October-September crop year. 2/ Includes Dominica, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe, and Martinique. 3/ Includes some cocoa marketed from Ghana. 4/ Includes cocoa marketed through Dahomey.

WORLD RAISIN CROP LARGER IN 1974

World commercial production of raisins and currants in 1974 is estimated at 604,800 metric tons, 11 percent above the 1973 level but below the 1966-70 average. Revised estimates place the 1974 crop at 515,000 metric tons of raisins and 89,800 metric tons of currants. Both U.S. and foreign raisin production levels were above those of 1973.

Larger crops by major foreign producers pushed 1974 foreign production of raisins to 297,300 tons, up 15 percent from 1973 output, and currants to 89,800 tons, up 11 percent. Favorable weather assisted bumper crops in Greece and Iran. Greek production is estimated at 95,000 tons of raisins and 85,500 tons of currants. Iranian raisin production is estimated at 50,000 tons. Turkish weather was favorable through most of the growing season, although rain at the end of September caused some damage to the last part of the raisin crop. Turkish production is estimated at 87,000 tons, slightly above 1973 output. Production in both Australia (54,900 tons) and South Africa (5,700 tons) was damaged by rain.

U.S. raisin production is estimated at 217,700 metric tons, 7 percent above that of 1973 and slightly above the 1966-70 average.

Commercial 1974-75 exports of raisins are expected to exceed those of last season, but remain below average levels. World exports are forecast at 245,000 of raisins and 51,500 tons of currants. Among major foreign producers, Greece and Iran expect larger exports, while Australian shipments will likely be lower. During 1973-74, exports totaled 229,100 tons, the smallest level in many years. Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Japan are major markets for Australia. The European Community (EC) is the major market for Greece and Turkey, while Japan, the EC, and Canada are principal U.S. export markets.

The above statistics do not include data for minor exporting countries such as Argentina, Chile, and Cyprus or Afghanistan, where volume of exports is often substantial but not readily determined. All production and trade statistics are reported in metric tons.

RAISINS: Commercial production, 1970-74
(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 1/ |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Australia: | | | | | |
| Lexias | 3.6 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 2.8 |
| Sultanas | 82.0 | 45.2 | 92.9 | 44.4 | 52.1 |
| Greece | 82.1 | 87.4 | 71.5 | 57.8 | 95.0 |
| Iran | 60.0 | 60.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 50.0 |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 12.4 | 12.2 | 12.6 | 14.9 | 5.7 |
| Spain | 7.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 4.7 |
| Turkey | 132.0 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 85.0 | 87.0 |
| Foreign total | 379.1 | 313.2 | 337.2 | 258.5 | 297.3 |
| United States | 175.5 | 173.3 | 95.3 | 203.2 | 217.7 |
| Grand total | 554.6 | 486.5 | 432.5 | 461.7 | 515.0 |

1/ Revised.

RAISINS: Exports from seven leading producing countries,
1970-74 marketing year 1/
(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 2/ |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Australia | 56.9 | 44.9 | 74.1 | 39.8 | 36.0 |
| Greece | 58.0 | 84.7 | 55.5 | 46.0 | 65.0 |
| Iran | 37.2 | 40.0 | 37.0 | 30.0 | 34.0 |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 7.6 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 7.9 | 2.0 |
| Spain | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| Turkey | 82.8 | 98.2 | 110.6 | 58.0 | 58.0 |
| Foreign total | 245.2 | 276.6 | 284.6 | 183.9 | 197.0 |
| United States | 56.7 | 67.3 | 21.2 | 45.2 | 48.0 |
| Grand total | 301.9 | 343.9 | 305.8 | 229.1 | 245.0 |

1/ Marketing year beginning August and September for Northern Hemisphere countries and January for Southern Hemisphere countries.

2/ Forecast.

DRIED CURRANTS: Commercial production, 1970-74
(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 1/ |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| Australia | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 5.4 | 3.6 |
| Greece | 87.9 | 88.4 | 73.1 | 75.0 | 85.5 |
| South Africa, Rep. of | .6 | .7 | .7 | .5 | .7 |
| Total | 96.8 | 97.4 | 81.4 | 80.9 | 89.8 |

1/ Revised.

DRIED CURRANTS: Exports from specified countries, annual 1970-74
(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 1/ |
|--|------|------|------|------|---------|
| Australia (Year beginning Jan. 1) | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Greece (Year beginning Sept. 1) | 50.9 | 56.4 | 62.7 | 46.5 | 50.0 |

1/ Forecast.

RAISINS: Prices, landed, duty paid London
average, September 1972 to date
(In U.S. cents per pound)

| Origin and Type | 1972-73 | | | 1973-74 | | | 1974-75 | |
|---|---------|------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Sept. | Jan. | July | Sept. | Jan. | July | Sept. | Jan. |
| California: Natural Thompson Seedless | 36.0 | -- | -- | -- | 59.9 | 61.8 | -- | -- |
| Australia: 4-Crown | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 5-Crown | 20.9 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2/ 50.7 | -- | 2/ 42.8 |
| Greece: No. 2 | 17.2 | 38.0 | 41.4 | 1/ 60.1 | 2/ 44.5 | 46.0 | 45.6 | -- |
| No. 4 | 16.8 | -- | -- | 1/ 59.2 | 2/ 44.4 | 45.7 | -- | -- |
| Iran: Maragha/Urmia ... | -- | 31.7 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Turkey: No. 9 | 1/ 16.4 | 37.0 | 40.0 | 1/ 50.0 | 1/ 39.5 | 44.5 | 45.6 | 1/ 38.6 |
| No. 10 | 1/ 17.8 | 39.5 | -- | 1/ 53.4 | 1/ 40.2 | 45.4 | 48.6 | 1/ 40.8 |

1/ f.o.b.

2/ c&f.

WORLD STONE FRUIT PRODUCTION ABOUT UNCHANGED IN 1974

Despite poor weather in some major stone fruit producing areas, overall 1974 production of stone fruit remained close to the production levels of a year earlier. The variations in individual commodities ranged from a 1 percent increase in peaches to a 6 percent decrease in apricots.

Fresh apricot production in 1974 was 775,000 metric tons, 6 percent below that of 1973. A 57 percent increase in Spanish production offset major declines in U.S. and European Community (EC) crops. Wet weather and spring frost severely reduced the U.S. crop. U.S. apricot production of 85,000 metric tons was the smallest in recent years. The 1974 crop in France, usually the world's largest apricot producer, was barely two-fifths the size of the 1973 crop. By a large margin, Spain ranked as the largest apricot producer in 1974. Despite the short crops, prices on the European market were below those of a year earlier.

An increase in the U.S. tart cherry crop in 1974 was able to offset European declines caused by poor weather. The 1974 U.S. tart cherry crop was 47 percent larger than the 1973 frost-damaged crop. Commercial 1974 world cherry production of 1,156,000 metric tons was only 1 percent below the previous year's level and 4 percent below the 1971-74 average. However, output in Yugoslavia, the world's fourth largest cherry producer in 1974, was up 17 percent from the 1973 crop.

Total peach production of 4.8 million metric tons was 1 percent above that of 1973. U.S. and Italian output accounted for over half the world total. The 10 percent gain in U.S. production reflects a larger California clingstone crop. The Australian crop was back to normal levels after excessive rains reduced the 1973 crop to less than half of normal levels. Prices on the European market remained unchanged from 1973 levels. The precarious supply and demand situation is indicated by the fact that the French, even with a 26 percent reduction in the 1974 crop, imposed a temporary ban on Spanish peaches during the summer.

Plum and prune production dropped 4 percent below the 1973 level to 2.5 million metric tons, mainly because of a one-third drop in the California prune crop. U.S. production was down 15 percent from the 1973 level. In West Germany, the largest EC producer, the plum and prune crop was 13 percent below that of 1973. Total EC production was 9 percent below that of a year earlier. For the second consecutive year, the Yugoslav crop of 672,000 metric tons was below normal levels because of cold and rainy weather. Although 9 percent above that of 1973, the crop was just over half the record 1969 Yugoslav crop. The United States and Yugoslavia together account for more than half of the world output.

APRICOTS, FRESH: Production in specified countries,
annual 1971-74

(1,000 Metric tons)

| Continent and Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 ^{1/} |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| North America: | | | | |
| Canada | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| United States | 170 | 116 | 143 | 85 |
| Total | 173 | 119 | 146 | 88 |
| South America: | | | | |
| Argentina | 18 | 7 | 18 | 20 |
| Chile | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 21 | 10 | 21 | 23 |
| Europe: | | | | |
| EC | | | | |
| France | 98 | 101 | 150 | 58 |
| Germany, West | 6 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| Italy | 106 | 74 | 112 | 110 |
| Total | 210 | 178 | 266 | 174 |
| Other Europe | | | | |
| Austria | 8 | 11 | 9 | 15 |
| Greece | 41 | 38 | 49 | 60 |
| Spain | 131 | 159 | 131 | 206 |
| Switzerland | 12 | 9 | 6 | 2 |
| Yugoslavia | 17 | 29 | 24 | 29 |
| Total | 209 | 246 | 219 | 312 |
| Total Europe | 419 | 424 | 485 | 486 |
| Africa: | | | | |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 20 | 18 | 15 | 17 |
| Asia: | | | | |
| Turkey ^{2/} | 80 | 123 | 123 | 120 |
| Oceania: | | | | |
| Australia | 32 | 28 | 30 | 35 |
| New Zealand | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Total | 39 | 35 | 37 | 41 |
| Total specified countries | 752 | 729 | 824 | 775 |

^{1/} Preliminary.

^{2/} Includes wild apricots.

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CHERRIES, FRESH: Production in specified countries,
annual 1971-74

(1,000 Metric Tons)

| Continent and Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 1/ |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|---------|
| <u>SWEET</u> | | | | |
| Canada | 11 | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| United States | 128 | 86 | 143 | 134 |
| Austria | 25 | 17 | 29 | 25 |
| Germany, West | 190 | 105 | 156 | 120 |
| Greece | 19 | 22 | 25 | 19 |
| Turkey | 55 | 65 | 62 | 62 |
| Yugoslavia | 59 | 50 | 52 | 56 |
| <u>SOUR</u> | | | | |
| Canada | 10 | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| United States | 127 | 141 | 79 | 116 |
| Austria | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Germany, West | 112 | 83 | 92 | 91 |
| Greece | 8 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| Turkey | 31 | 35 | 33 | 33 |
| Yugoslavia | 47 | 48 | 41 | 53 |
| <u>ALL CHERRIES 2/</u> | | | | |
| North America: | | | | |
| Canada | 21 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| United States | 255 | 227 | 222 | 250 |
| Total | 276 | 242 | 237 | 265 |
| South America: | | | | |
| Argentina | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Chile | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Europe: | | | | |
| <u>EC</u> | | | | |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 22 | 9 | 12 | 22 |
| Denmark | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| France | 119 | 104 | 105 | 106 |
| Germany, West | 302 | 188 | 248 | 211 |

CHERRIES, FRESH: Production in specified countries,
annual 1971-74 (continued)

(1,000 Metric Tons)

| Continent and Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 ^{1/} |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| <u>ALL CHERRIES</u> ^{2/} | | | | |
| Europe: | | | | |
| <u>EC</u> (continued) | | | | |
| Italy | 227 | 205 | 178 | 170 |
| Netherlands | 8 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| United Kingdom | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| Total | 690 | 520 | 556 | 525 |
| <u>Other Europe</u> | | | | |
| Austria | 28 | 19 | 32 | 28 |
| Greece | 27 | 29 | 33 | 25 |
| Norway | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Spain | 49 | 57 | 69 | 54 |
| Switzerland | 45 | 14 | 19 | 15 |
| Yugoslavia | 106 | 98 | 93 | 109 |
| Total | 260 | 222 | 249 | 236 |
| Total Europe | 950 | 742 | 805 | 761 |
| Asia: | | | | |
| Japan | 6 | 11 | 16 | 18 |
| Turkey | 86 | 100 | 95 | 95 |
| Total | 92 | 111 | 111 | 113 |
| Oceania: | | | | |
| Australia | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| Total specified countries | 1,335 | 1,109 | 1,170 | 1,156 |

^{1/} Preliminary.

^{2/} Includes countries shown separately in categories covering sweet and sour varieties.

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PEACHES, FRESH: Production in specified countries,
annual 1971-74

(1,000 Metric Tons)

| Continent and Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 1/ |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| North America: | | | | |
| Canada | 59 | 38 | 45 | 52 |
| United States | 1,307 | 1,093 | 1,189 | 1,311 |
| Total | 1,366 | 1,131 | 1,234 | 1,363 |
| South America: | | | | |
| Argentina | 265 | 90 | 265 | 277 |
| Chile | 39 | 36 | 31 | 32 |
| Total | 304 | 126 | 296 | 309 |
| Europe: | | | | |
| EC | | | | |
| France | 595 | 566 | 599 | 446 |
| Germany, West | 43 | 20 | 34 | 34 |
| Italy | 1,249 | 1,268 | 1,177 | 1,200 |
| Total | 1,887 | 1,854 | 1,810 | 1,680 |
| Other Europe | | | | |
| Austria | 6 | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| Greece | 207 | 238 | 268 | 271 |
| Spain | 266 | 328 | 373 | 389 |
| Yugoslavia | 62 | 68 | 68 | 65 |
| Total | 541 | 639 | 716 | 732 |
| Total Europe | 2,428 | 2,493 | 2,526 | 2,412 |
| Africa: | | | | |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 145 | 148 | 153 | 142 |
| Asia: | | | | |
| Japan | 265 | 248 | 277 | 288 |
| Turkey | 84 | 140 | 130 | 130 |
| Total | 349 | 388 | 407 | 418 |
| Oceania: | | | | |
| Australia | 117 | 114 | 76 | 115 |
| New Zealand | 22 | 25 | 24 | 22 |
| Total | 139 | 139 | 100 | 137 |
| Total specified countries | 4,731 | 4,425 | 4,716 | 4,781 |

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PLUMS AND PRUNES, FRESH: Production in specified countries,
annual 1971-74

(1,000 Metric Tons)

| Continent and Country | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 ^{1/} |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| North America: | | | | |
| Canada | 11 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| United States | 528 | 321 | 694 | 593 |
| Total | 539 | 329 | 703 | 599 |
| South America: | | | | |
| Argentina | 73 | 29 | 80 | 88 |
| Chile | 22 | 22 | 20 | 23 |
| Total | 95 | 51 | 100 | 111 |
| Europe: | | | | |
| <u>EC</u> | | | | |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 8 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| France | 167 | 143 | 151 | 149 |
| Germany, West | 484 | 344 | 444 | 385 |
| Italy | 145 | 152 | 128 | 122 |
| Netherlands | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 |
| United Kingdom | 36 | 45 | 52 | 47 |
| Total | 846 | 696 | 787 | 719 |
| <u>Other Europe</u> | | | | |
| Austria | 66 | 60 | 94 | 95 |
| Greece | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Norway | 11 | 15 | 10 | 17 |
| Spain | 68 | 69 | 83 | 74 |
| Sweden | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Switzerland | 47 | 29 | 46 | 35 |
| Yugoslavia | 817 | 972 | 615 | 672 |
| Total | 1,028 | 1,165 | 867 | 912 |
| Total Europe | 1,874 | 1,861 | 1,654 | 1,631 |
| Africa: | | | | |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 7 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Asia: | | | | |
| Japan | 56 | 36 | 60 | 72 |
| Turkey | 111 | 131 | 120 | 120 |
| Total | 167 | 167 | 180 | 192 |
| Oceania: | | | | |
| New Zealand | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Total specified countries | 2,686 | 2,422 | 2,644 | 2,543 |

^{1/} Preliminary.

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WORLD APPLE AND PEAR PRODUCTION DOWN IN 1974

The 1974 output of apples in the major producing countries of the world totaled 14.7 million metric tons, 10 percent below that of a year earlier but only 3 percent below the 1971-73 average.

The decline was particularly significant in the European Community, where production was 24 percent below that of 1973. The smaller crop, resulting from unusually bad weather, appreciably improved marketing conditions during the 1974-75 season. Production in West Germany, the most important apple importing country on the Continent, was down 41 percent from the 1973 level and less than half the abnormally large crop of 1969.

Apple production increased in non-European producing areas. The North American crop of 3.5 million metric tons was 4 percent larger than that of a year earlier. Combined output in the major exporting countries of the Southern Hemisphere—Argentina, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, and the Republic of South Africa—was also close to last year's level. Production in these five countries was 6 percent above the 1973 level.

Pear production in the world's major producing countries for 1974 totaled 4.9 million metric tons, down 5 percent from that of 1973 and 10 percent below the record high of 1970.

The European pear crop was 9 percent below that of 1973. Larger crops in the smaller producing countries were not able to offset the production declines in Italy, Spain, and France, the major European producing and exporting countries. The market situation for European pears has improved as a result of the smaller crop.

The 1974 pear crop in the United States, the largest North American producer, was off 2 percent from the 1973 crop, largely as a result of a decline in production of Pacific Coast Bartletts.

Pear production in major Southern Hemisphere producing countries increased 5 percent from that of 1973. The South African crop, which was a third larger than last year's, offset smaller crops in other areas.

APPLES: Production of dessert and cooking varieties
in specified countries, annually 1970-74 ^{1/}

(1,000 Metric Tons)

| Continent and Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 ^{2/} |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| North America: | | | | | |
| Canada ^{3/} | 406 | 398 | 393 | 375 | 407 |
| Mexico | 162 | 162 | 161 | 190 | 213 |
| United States ^{3/} | 2,902 | 2,890 | 2,668 | 2,830 | 2,900 |
| Total | 3,470 | 3,450 | 3,222 | 3,395 | 3,520 |
| South America: | | | | | |
| Argentina | 424 | 512 | 233 | 786 | 747 |
| Chile ^{3/} | 93 | 95 | 70 | 95 | 95 |
| Europe: | | | | | |
| EC: | | | | | |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 252 | 280 | 264 | 246 | 183 |
| Denmark ^{3/} | 83 | 80 | 64 | 80 | 75 |
| France ^{4/} | 1,876 | 1,854 | 1,719 | 2,060 | 1,627 |
| Germany, West | 1,777 | 1,980 | 1,239 | 2,016 | 1,194 |
| Italy | 2,062 | 1,698 | 1,873 | 2,050 | 1,838 |
| Netherlands | 450 | 520 | 400 | 460 | 365 |
| United Kingdom ^{4/} | 491 | 466 | 350 | 456 | 352 |
| Total EC | 6,991 | 6,878 | 5,909 | 7,368 | 5,634 |
| Other Europe: | | | | | |
| Austria ^{4/} | 188 | 158 | 112 | 187 | 205 |
| Greece | 207 | 225 | 183 | 233 | 200 |
| Norway | 48 | 51 | 50 | 36 | 57 |
| Spain | 449 | 571 | 738 | 1,015 | 944 |
| Sweden ^{3/} | 43 | 43 | 46 | 42 | 35 |
| Switzerland ^{4/} | 90 | 111 | 95 | 112 | 78 |
| Yugoslavia | 277 | 327 | 309 | 448 | 370 |
| Total Other | 1,302 | 1,486 | 1,533 | 2,073 | 1,889 |
| Total Europe | 8,293 | 8,364 | 7,442 | 9,441 | 7,523 |
| Africa: | | | | | |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 226 | 346 | 289 | 307 | 360 |
| Asia: | | | | | |
| Japan | 1,021 | 1,007 | 959 | 963 | 924 |
| Lebanon | 120 | 170 | 184 | 160 | 174 |
| Turkey | 748 | 780 | 850 | 800 | 800 |
| Oceania: | | | | | |
| Australia | 443 | 360 | 456 | 354 | 429 |
| New Zealand | 114 | 149 | 144 | 147 | 154 |
| Total specified countries ... | 14,952 | 15,233 | 13,849 | 16,448 | 14,726 |

^{1/} May include some cider varieties in countries not reporting separately. Years shown refer to years of harvest in Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere, which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1973 is combined with preliminary forecasts for the Southern Hemisphere harvest, which began in late 1973 and ended early in 1974.

^{2/} Preliminary.

^{3/} Commercial crop.

^{4/} Excludes cider apples reported separately.

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PEARS: Production of dessert and cooking varieties
in specified countries, annually 1970-74 ^{1/}

(1,000 Metric Tons)

| Continent and Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 ^{2/} |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| North America: | | | | | |
| Canada ^{3/} | 38 | 43 | 39 | 31 | 40 |
| Mexico | 41 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 40 |
| United States ^{3/} | 498 | 680 | 555 | 661 | 645 |
| Total | 577 | 757 | 629 | 728 | 725 |
| South America: | | | | | |
| Argentina | 74 | 98 | 43 | 110 | 105 |
| Chile ^{3/} | 21 | 21 | 17 | 20 | 19 |
| Europe: | | | | | |
| EC: | | | | | |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 99 | 60 | 51 | 30 | 79 |
| Denmark ^{3/} | 10 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| France ^{4/} | 536 | 553 | 439 | 492 | 388 |
| Germany, West | 551 | 414 | 344 | 414 | 322 |
| Italy | 1,906 | 1,706 | 1,536 | 1,570 | 1,435 |
| Netherlands | 160 | 110 | 95 | 55 | 115 |
| United Kingdom ^{4/} | 72 | 66 | 49 | 44 | 47 |
| Total EC | 3,334 | 2,916 | 2,522 | 2,612 | 2,395 |
| Other Europe: | | | | | |
| Austria ^{4/} | 52 | 48 | 30 | 54 | 51 |
| Greece | 109 | 104 | 114 | 121 | 88 |
| Norway | 10 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 13 |
| Spain | 226 | 401 | 460 | 470 | 443 |
| Sweden ^{3/} | 7 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Switzerland ^{4/} | 21 | 23 | 13 | 26 | 10 |
| Yugoslavia | 112 | 112 | 91 | 141 | 120 |
| Total Other | 537 | 703 | 727 | 821 | 731 |
| Total Europe | 3,871 | 3,619 | 3,249 | 3,433 | 3,126 |
| Africa: | | | | | |
| South Africa, Rep. of | 91 | 99 | 102 | 75 | 100 |
| Asia: | | | | | |
| Japan | 464 | 440 | 460 | 495 | 514 |
| Lebanon | 7 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Turkey | 180 | 175 | 196 | 160 | 170 |
| Oceania: | | | | | |
| Australia | 188 | 184 | 163 | 163 | 160 |
| New Zealand | 20 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 18 |
| Total specified countries ... | 5,493 | 5,416 | 4,886 | 5,204 | 4,941 |

^{1/} May include some cider varieties in countries not reporting separately. Years shown refer to years of harvest in Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere, which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1973 is combined with preliminary forecasts for the Southern Hemisphere harvest, which began in late 1973 and ended early in 1974.

^{2/} Preliminary

^{3/} Commercial crop.

^{4/} Excludes cider pears reported separately.

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WORLD COTTON PRODUCTION MARGINALLY INCREASED

World cotton production in 1974-75 (August-July) is estimated at a record 63.1 million bales (480 lb net), an increase of 1 million bales from last year's record crop. Gains of 1.3 million bales in foreign non-Communist countries and over 1 million in Communist countries more than offset a decline of 1.3 million bales in the United States.

Area devoted to cotton in the current season, totaling 82.6 million acres, increased slightly from last season's 80.7 million. Projected world acreage and production this season give an average yield per acre of 367 pounds, marginally below last season's 369 pounds.

Bad weather in the U.S. cotton belt has reduced current season cotton production to 11.7 million bales, about 10 percent below last season's 13 million. Although harvested area in the five Delta States this season increased about 26 percent to 4.3 million acres, excessive late summer and fall rains lowered average yields and reduced production to 3.7 million bales, compared with 4 million last season. On the Texas High Plains and in Oklahoma, summer drought during the growing season followed by cold wet weather in the fall lowered both acreage and yield, resulting in a drop in production this season of nearly 45 percent to 2.9 million bales, compared with 5.1 last season. Although excess rain also lowered production in parts of the Southeast, overall production in that area increased slightly. In the West, where weather during the growing and harvesting season was good, production this season increased sharply. Outturn in California and Arizona was up 48 percent to 3.6 million bales. The U.S. crop was harvested from 12.7 million acres, compared with 12 million last season, while average yield dropped to 443 pounds per acre, compared with 520 pounds last season and the 1968-72 average of 467 pounds.

Cotton production in 1974-75 in foreign non-Communist countries currently is estimated at 28.5 million bales, up 5 percent from last season's output. Acreage increases rather than sharp improvements in yield are largely responsible for the higher production. Outturn increased appreciably in Mexico, Colombia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey, with smaller increases registered in Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Greece, Iran, Uganda, India, and Australia. Weather-reduced yields lowered outturn in the large Central American producing countries and Brazil, while competing food crops diverted some acreage from cotton in Egypt, Sudan, and several smaller producers. Average yields per acre rose marginally to 268 pounds from 263 pounds in 1973-74. Area devoted to cotton in foreign non-Communist countries rose to 50.8 million acres, compared with 49.8 million last season.

Cotton production in the Communist countries is estimated at 22.9 million bales, compared with 21.8 million in 1973-74. The Soviet crop is estimated at a record 12.9 million bales, up 1.1 million from last season's and the fifth consecutive record crop. Little quantitative information is available on crop production in the People's Republic of China (PRC). However, indications are that PRC cotton production in 1973-74 was a record and that with reasonably favorable growing conditions in the current season, outturn in 1974-75 again may be good.

Current depressed world textile and raw cotton demand (not expected to improve before mid- to late 1975) will hold world cotton consumption this season to a level nearly 4 million bales below world cotton production. As a result, world stocks, which rose 1 million bales in 1973-74, are expected to increase sharply in 1974-75.

COTTON: AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES. AVERAGE 1968-72, ANNUAL 1973 AND 1974 1/

| CONTINENT AND COUNTRY | AREA | | | YIELD | | | PRODUCTION 2/ | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | AVE. 1968-72 | 1973 | 1974 3/ | AVE. 1968-72 | 1973 | 1974 3/ | AVE. 1968-72 | 1973 | 1974 3/ |
| | THOUSAND ACRES | THOUSAND ACRES | THOUSAND ACRES | POUNDS PER ACRE | POUNDS PER ACRE | POUNDS PER ACRE | THOUSAND BALES | THOUSAND BALES | THOUSAND BALES |
| NORTH AMERICA | | | | | | | | | |
| EL SALVADOR | 157 | 235 | 235 | 793 | 694 | 674 | 260 | 340 | 330 |
| GUATEMALA | 197 | 255 | 260 | 820 | 904 | 785 | 337 | 480 | 425 |
| HONDURAS | 15 | 22 | 20 | 536 | 502 | 552 | 17 | 23 | 23 |
| MEXICO | 1,306 | 1,065 | 1,385 | 672 | 663 | 671 | 1,830 | 1,470 | 1,535 |
| NICARAGUA | 201 | 450 | 440 | 689 | 704 | 682 | 404 | 660 | 625 |
| UNITED STATES | 11,966 | 11,970 | 12,670 | 467 | 520 | 443 | 11,062 | 12,974 | 11,702 |
| OTHER | 95 | 88 | 88 | 110 | 104 | 109 | 22 | 19 | 20 |
| TOTAL 4/ | 13,420 | 14,065 | 15,078 | 498 | 544 | 479 | 13,931 | 15,966 | 15,060 |
| SOUTH AMERICA | | | | | | | | | |
| ARGENTINA | 1,916 | 1,168 | 1,200 | 241 | 230 | 230 | 511 | 560 | 575 |
| BOLIVIA | 89 | 150 | 175 | 453 | 432 | 425 | 65 | 135 | 155 |
| BRAZIL | 6,300 | 5,650 | 5,760 | 223 | 225 | 211 | 2,930 | 2,650 | 2,500 |
| COLOMBIA | 598 | 635 | 700 | 479 | 472 | 480 | 597 | 625 | 700 |
| ECUADOR | 44 | 60 | 85 | 255 | 200 | 316 | 24 | 25 | 56 |
| PARAGUAY | 141 | 250 | 250 | 235 | 211 | 192 | 69 | 110 | 100 |
| PERU | 376 | 375 | 405 | 482 | 525 | 480 | 378 | 410 | 405 |
| VENEZUELA | 135 | 240 | 270 | 281 | 324 | 267 | 79 | 135 | 150 |
| OTHER | 2 | 1 | 2 | 218 | 280 | 250 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL 4/ | 8,602 | 6,984 | 8,787 | 257 | 263 | 254 | 4,654 | 4,651 | 4,642 |
| EUROPE | | | | | | | | | |
| BULGARIA | 103 | 91 | 90 | 283 | 316 | 293 | 41 | 60 | 55 |
| GREECE | 356 | 365 | 370 | 680 | 664 | 714 | 505 | 505 | 550 |
| ITALY | 15 | 10 | 10 | 197 | 240 | 240 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| SPAIN | 264 | 235 | 260 | 443 | 449 | 406 | 262 | 220 | 220 |
| YUGOSLAVIA | 29 | 22 | 22 | 252 | 262 | 305 | 15 | 12 | 14 |
| OTHER | 60 | 60 | 120 | 232 | 240 | 250 | 29 | 30 | 45 |
| TOTAL 4/ | 847 | 783 | 872 | 437 | 510 | 489 | 878 | 832 | 889 |
| U.S.S.R. | 6,561 | 6,775 | 6,900 | 741 | 836 | 897 | 10,130 | 11,800 | 12,400 |
| AFRICA | | | | | | | | | |
| ANGOLA | 195 | 210 | 210 | 283 | 343 | 331 | 115 | 150 | 145 |
| CAMEROON | 254 | 150 | 205 | 191 | 160 | 164 | 101 | 50 | 70 |
| CENT. AFRICAN REP. | 296 | 300 | 300 | 152 | 120 | 136 | 94 | 75 | 85 |
| CHAD | 735 | 665 | 600 | 131 | 144 | 141 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| EGYPT | 1,608 | 1,660 | 1,585 | 689 | 650 | 625 | 2,308 | 2,248 | 2,165 |
| KENYA | 63 | 128 | 170 | 134 | 86 | 71 | 23 | 23 | 25 |
| MALAWI | 98 | 110 | 110 | 144 | 131 | 131 | 29 | 30 | 30 |
| MOROCCO | 43 | 35 | 35 | 345 | 324 | 411 | 31 | 27 | 30 |
| MUZZAMBIQUE | 935 | 800 | 700 | 102 | 96 | 103 | 198 | 160 | 150 |
| NIGERIA | 930 | 800 | 870 | 129 | 87 | 138 | 250 | 145 | 250 |
| RHODESIA | 240 | 250 | 250 | 404 | 461 | 461 | 202 | 240 | 240 |
| SOMALI REPUBLIC | 33 | 34 | 34 | 117 | 113 | 113 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| SOUTH AFRICAN REP. OF | 110 | 150 | 150 | 345 | 544 | 544 | 79 | 170 | 170 |
| SUDAN | 1,246 | 1,220 | 1,200 | 411 | 433 | 400 | 1,068 | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| TANZANIA | 500 | 500 | 500 | 278 | 280 | 274 | 290 | 300 | 245 |
| ZAMBIA | 2,400 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 78 | 58 | 63 | 357 | 260 | 330 |
| ZAIKE (CONGO) | 210 | 555 | 555 | 150 | 78 | 108 | 97 | 90 | 125 |
| OTHER | 949 | 1,016 | 1,035 | 220 | 250 | 256 | 436 | 530 | 552 |
| TOTAL 4/ | 10,765 | 11,088 | 11,069 | 262 | 251 | 249 | 9,886 | 9,806 | 9,760 |
| ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| AFGHANISTAN | 154 | 180 | 165 | 365 | 400 | 389 | 117 | 150 | 150 |
| BURMA | 272 | 410 | 375 | 77 | 76 | 70 | 60 | 65 | 55 |
| CHINA, PEOPLES REP. | 12,960 | 11,900 | 11,900 | 345 | 399 | 399 | 8,680 | 9,900 | 9,900 |
| INDIA | 19,200 | 18,800 | 18,300 | 128 | 140 | 152 | 5,116 | 5,500 | 5,400 |
| IRAN | 850 | 830 | 890 | 428 | 532 | 520 | 757 | 920 | 965 |
| IRAQ | 90 | 150 | 150 | 347 | 208 | 208 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| ISRAEL | 83 | 33 | 100 | 987 | 949 | 1,056 | 170 | 170 | 220 |
| KOREA, REP. OF | 40 | 33 | 32 | 236 | 276 | 255 | 20 | 19 | 17 |
| PAKISTAN | 4,561 | 4,560 | 4,900 | 292 | 301 | 294 | 2,776 | 2,860 | 3,000 |
| SOUTHERN YEMEN | 39 | 40 | 40 | 318 | 348 | 360 | 26 | 29 | 30 |
| SYRIA | 640 | 495 | 520 | 536 | 693 | 618 | 715 | 715 | 670 |
| THAILAND | 180 | 105 | 150 | 277 | 343 | 304 | 104 | 75 | 95 |
| TURKEY | 1,643 | 1,675 | 2,070 | 617 | 675 | 626 | 2,113 | 2,356 | 2,700 |
| OTHER | 113 | 116 | 121 | 180 | 174 | 167 | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| TOTAL 4/ | 40,024 | 39,380 | 39,733 | 249 | 279 | 286 | 20,761 | 22,866 | 23,709 |
| OCEANIA | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | 84 | 100 | 90 | 818 | 672 | 960 | 143 | 140 | 180 |
| TOTAL 4/ | 84 | 100 | 90 | 818 | 672 | 960 | 143 | 140 | 180 |
| TOTAL FOREIGN NONCOMMUNIST 4/ | 50,164 | 49,839 | 50,824 | 253 | 263 | 269 | 26,403 | 27,279 | 28,520 |
| TOTAL COMMUNIST 4/ | 18,453 | 18,891 | 19,075 | 482 | 553 | 578 | 18,918 | 21,808 | 22,918 |
| WORLD TOTAL 4/ | 68,617 | 68,730 | 69,899 | 337 | 369 | 367 | 45,321 | 49,087 | 51,438 |

1/ Harvest season beginning August 1. 2/ Bales of 480 pounds net. 3/ Preliminary. 4/ As a result of rounding, sum of digits may not add to total.

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WORLD 1974 FLAXSEED PRODUCTION ESTIMATE INCREASED

World flaxseed production in 1974 now is estimated at 2.28 million metric tons, compared with 2.29 million tons in 1973. Smaller flaxseed crops were reported in some major producing countries, such as the United States and Canada, while production increased in Argentina, India, Poland, Uruguay, and probably the USSR.

U.S. flaxseed production fell from 409,000 tons in 1973 to 339,000 tons (13.3 million bushels) in 1974, the

lowest output since 1938. Harvested acreage decreased only slightly to 1,645,000 acres.

Since the last flaxseed summary in December, estimated world production was revised upward because of an increase in expected production from the 1974-75 Argentine crop. (Additional analysis appears in the December issue of **World Agricultural Production and Trade**).

Flaxseed: Acreage and Production in selected countries and the world, 1969-74

| Continent and Country | Harvested Acreage | | | | | | Production | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 2/ | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 2/ |
| | (In 1,000 acres) | | | | | | (In 1,000 metric tons) | | | | | |
| North America: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada..... | 2,341 | 3,313 | 1,767 | 1,320 | 1,450 | 1,500 | 700 | 1,243 | 567 | 447 | 493 | 363 |
| Mexico..... | 32 | 49 | 59 | 25 | 27 | 10 | 10 | 30 | 40 | 10 | 11 | 5 |
| United States..... | 2,605 | 2,848 | 1,545 | 1,151 | 1,692 | 1,645 | 887 | 751 | 462 | 353 | 409 | 339 |
| (In 1,000 bushels)..... | | | | | | | 134,929 | 29,548 | 18,198 | 13,909 | 16,091 | 13,337 |
| Total..... | 4,978 | 6,210 | 3,371 | 2,496 | 3,169 | 3,155 | 1,597 | 2,024 | 1,069 | 810 | 913 | 707 |
| South America: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina..... | 1,955 | 2,061 | 1,114 | 1,090 | 891 | 1,186 | 640 | 680 | 316 | 330 | 297 | 360 |
| Brazil 3/..... | 109 | 62 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 23 | 31 | 22 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| Chile 3/..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Uruguay 3/..... | 277 | 226 | 182 | 118 | 115 | 185 | 105 | 64 | 43 | 29 | 26 | 45 |
| Total 4/..... | 2,343 | 2,351 | 1,323 | 1,235 | 1,033 | 1,398 | 777 | 767 | 372 | 372 | 336 | 416 |
| European Community: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belgium-Luxembourg 5/..... | 38 | 20 | 31 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| France 6/..... | 99 | 98 | 103 | 96 | 94 | - | 20 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 11 | - |
| Italy 5/..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 6 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Netherlands 5/..... | 22 | 12 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| Total EC..... | 162 | 132 | 153 | 138 | 129 | 133 | 40 | 30 | 38 | 34 | 21 | 24 |
| Other Western Europe: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spain 5/..... | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Total West Europe..... | 172 | 142 | 163 | 148 | 139 | 143 | 44 | 33 | 39 | 35 | 22 | 25 |
| Eastern Europe: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Czechoslovakia 5/..... | 92 | 77 | 64 | 64 | 64 | - | 19 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | - |
| Germany, East 5/..... | 26 | 27 | 27 | 22 | 10 | - | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Hungary..... | 33 | 35 | 64 | 62 | 52 | - | 13 | 14 | 32 | 22 | 22 | - |
| Poland 5/..... | 247 | 242 | 248 | 238 | 191 | 250 | 57 | 65 | 75 | 54 | 51 | 75 |
| Romania..... | 178 | 195 | 208 | 206 | 209 | 200 | 98 | 122 | 58 | 51 | 45 | 50 |
| Estimated Total E. Europe..... | 576 | 576 | 611 | 592 | 526 | 576 | 132 | 137 | 184 | 145 | 134 | 159 |
| Estimated Total Europe 7/..... | 748 | 718 | 774 | 740 | 665 | 719 | 176 | 170 | 223 | 180 | 156 | 184 |
| USSR 5/ (Europe and Asia)..... | 3,897 | 3,830 | 3,830 | 3,830 | 3,087 | 3,100 | 451 | 471 | 520 | 470 | 309 | 325 |
| Africa: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt 5/..... | 40 | 22 | 30 | 37 | 35 | 35 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 17 | 16 | 16 |
| Ethiopia 8/..... | 277 | 277 | 277 | 277 | 277 | - | 62 | 64 | 70 | 69 | 72 | - |
| Morocco..... | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Tunisia 5/..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Estimated Total 4/..... | 342 | 329 | 337 | 344 | 332 | 332 | 81 | 82 | 88 | 93 | 91 | 93 |
| Asia: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bangladesh..... | 36 | 36 | 32 | 29 | 28 | - | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | - |
| India..... | 4,193 | 4,455 | 4,687 | 5,100 | 4,264 | 4,636 | 329 | 469 | 474 | 530 | 428 | 471 |
| Iran..... | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - |
| Iraq..... | 44 | 44 | 32 | 32 | 32 | - | 14 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 8 | - |
| Pakistan 8/..... | 17 | 15 | 19 | 23 | 25 | - | 2 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 13 | - |
| Turkey 5/..... | 42 | 32 | 26 | 25 | 25 | - | 12 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | - |
| Total 4/..... | 4,346 | 4,596 | 4,803 | 5,216 | 4,341 | 4,753 | 370 | 505 | 507 | 560 | 463 | 505 |
| Oceania: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Australia 8/..... | 122 | 103 | 49 | 40 | 45 | 109 | 37 | 31 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 39 |
| New Zealand..... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | - | 10 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | - |
| Total Oceania..... | 134 | 115 | 61 | 52 | 57 | 121 | 47 | 43 | 22 | 23 | 26 | 51 |
| Total World 4/..... | 16,788 | 18,149 | 14,499 | 13,913 | 12,720 | 13,578 | 3,499 | 4,062 | 2,801 | 2,508 | 2,294 | 2,281 |
| (In 1,000 bushels)..... | | | | | | | 137,749 | 159,914 | 110,270 | 98,735 | 90,311 | 89,759 |

1/ Harvests of the Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow; thus the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere countries in 1971 was combined with the Southern Hemisphere harvest which began late in 1971 and ended early in 1972. Estimates do not include China where annual production probably varies from 25,000 to 50,000 tons. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Seeded area. 4/ Includes estimates for the above countries for which data are not available. 5/ Includes fiber flax area and seed production. 6/ Acreage includes that harvested for seed and that portion of fiber acreage which is harvested for seed as well as fiber. Production includes seed from fiber flax. 7/ Includes estimates for the above countries for which data are not available and for minor producing countries. 8/ Flaxseed from acreage grown for seed only.

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